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REMARKS

Applicant hereby authorizes the PTO to charge any and all necessary fees due, or provide reimbursements of excessive fees paid, to deposit account No. 19-2179.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Claim 39 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter is added by the Amendment.

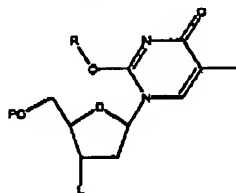
Claims 1-34 are pending in this application, and were subject to a restriction requirement, described by the Examiner as being between:

I. Claims 1-32 drawn to a compound of structural formula as in claim 21 and a method of making the compound.

II. Claims 33-34 drawn to a method of preparing an ^{18}F labeled thymidine.

Applicants elect for examination the claims of Group I, Claims 1-32, with Claims 33 and 34 having been canceled by this amendment. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any withdrawn or canceled matter in subsequent continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications.

While the Examiner did not required an election of a species for examination, for expediency of examination, Applicants further elect for examination the species as disclosed in Claim 21, shown below:



wherein R is alkyl $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$; P is a hydroxyl protecting group; and L is a leaving group.

Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-32. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-32 are novel, and allowance of these claims is respectfully solicited. The present application is believed to be in prima facie condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in proper format and are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance.

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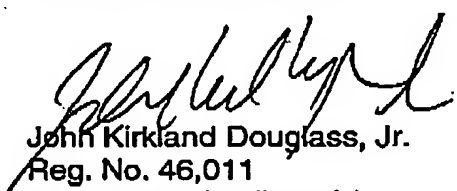
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below with and questions concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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